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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 199

Introduced by Assembly Members Ma and Cook
(Principal coauthor: Senator Yee)

January 27, 2011

An act to amend Section ~~51221.4~~ *51221.3* of the Education Code, relating to school curriculum.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 199, as amended, Ma. School curriculum: social sciences: Filipinos in World War II.

Existing law requires the adopted course of study for grades 7 to 12, inclusive, to include instruction in social sciences, which is permitted to include instruction on World War II and the American role in that war. Existing law encourages that instruction to include a component drawn from personal testimony of American soldiers who were involved in World War II and those men and women who contributed to the war effort on the homefront.

~~Existing law also encourages the required instruction in social sciences to include instruction on the Vietnam War, including the "Secret War" in Laos, and the role of Southeast Asians in that war. Those provisions encourage that instruction to include a component drawn from personal testimony of Southeast Asians who were involved in the Vietnam War and those men and women who contributed to the war effort on the homefront. School districts are required to implement this instruction~~

~~in a manner that does not result in the imposition of new duties or programs.~~

This bill would encourage instruction in social sciences for grades 7 to 12, inclusive, to include instruction on World War II and the role of Filipinos in that war, and would encourage that instruction to include a component drawn from personal testimony, as provided.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 *SECTION 1. Section 51221.3 of the Education Code is amended*
2 *to read:*

3 51221.3. (a) Instruction in the area of social sciences, as
4 required pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 51220, may include
5 instruction on World War II and the American role in that war.
6 The Legislature encourages ~~that~~ this instruction *to* include, but not
7 be limited to, a component drawn from personal testimony,
8 especially in the form of oral or video ~~history~~ *histories*, if available,
9 of American soldiers who were involved in World War II and
10 those men and women who contributed to the war effort on the
11 homefront. The oral histories used as part of the instruction
12 regarding World War II shall exemplify the personal sacrifice and
13 courage of the wide range of ordinary citizens who were called
14 upon to participate. The oral histories shall contain the views and
15 comments of their subjects regarding the reasons for American
16 participation in the war and the actions taken to end the war in the
17 Pacific. These oral histories shall also solicit comments from their
18 subjects regarding the aftermath of the war in Eastern Europe and
19 the former Soviet Union.

20 (b) The Legislature finds and declares that the current
21 state-adopted academic content standards already include
22 instruction on the Korean War and the Vietnam War in the
23 appropriate grade level consistent with those standards. The
24 Legislature encourages that this instruction include a component
25 drawn from personal testimony, especially in the form of oral or
26 video ~~history~~ *histories*, if available, of American soldiers who were
27 involved in those wars.

28 (c) (1) *The Legislature encourages the instruction required*
29 *pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 51220 to include instruction*

1 *on World War II and the role of Filipinos in that war, consisting*
2 *of an accurate history of the contributions of the Filipino American*
3 *veterans who fought courageously in the United States Army for*
4 *freedom and democracy in World War II under the leadership of*
5 *General Douglas MacArthur.*

6 *(2) The Legislature encourages the instruction described in*
7 *paragraph (1) to include a component drawn from personal*
8 *testimony, especially in the form of oral or video histories of*
9 *Filipinos who were involved in World War II and those men and*
10 *women who contributed to the war effort on the homefront. The*
11 *oral histories used as a part of the instruction regarding the role*
12 *of Filipinos in World War II are encouraged to do all of the*
13 *following:*

14 *(A) Exemplify the personal sacrifice and courage of the wide*
15 *range of ordinary citizens who were called upon to participate*
16 *and to provide intelligence for the United States.*

17 *(B) Contain the views and comments of their subjects regarding*
18 *the reasons for their participation in the war.*

19 *(C) Solicit comments from their subjects regarding the aftermath*
20 *of the war and the immigration of Filipinos to the United States.*

21 ~~SECTION 1. Section 51221.4 of the Education Code is~~
22 ~~amended to read:~~

23 ~~51221.4. (a) The Legislature encourages instruction in the area~~
24 ~~of social sciences, as required pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section~~
25 ~~51220, to include instruction on the Vietnam War, including the~~
26 ~~“Secret War” in Laos, and the role of Southeast Asians in that war.~~
27 ~~The Legislature encourages this instruction to include, but not be~~
28 ~~limited to, a component drawn from personal testimony, especially~~
29 ~~in the form of oral or video histories of Southeast Asians who were~~
30 ~~involved in the Vietnam War and those men and women who~~
31 ~~contributed to the war effort on the homefront. The oral histories~~
32 ~~used as a part of the instruction regarding the role of Southeast~~
33 ~~Asians in the Vietnam War and the “Secret War” in Laos shall~~
34 ~~exemplify the personal sacrifice and courage of the wide range of~~
35 ~~ordinary citizens who were called upon to participate and provide~~
36 ~~intelligence for the United States. The oral histories shall contain~~
37 ~~the views and comments of their subjects regarding the reasons~~
38 ~~for their participation in the war. These oral histories shall also~~
39 ~~solicit comments from their subjects regarding the aftermath of~~

1 the war and the immigration of Southeast Asians to the United
2 States:

3 (b) (1) The Legislature encourages the instruction required
4 pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 51220 to include instruction
5 on World War II and the role of Filipinos in that war, consisting
6 of an accurate history of the contributions of the Filipino American
7 veterans who fought courageously in the United States Army for
8 freedom and democracy in World War II under the leadership of
9 General Douglas MacArthur.

10 (2) The Legislature encourages the instruction described in
11 paragraph (1) to include a component drawn from personal
12 testimony, especially in the form of oral or video histories of
13 Filipinos who were involved in World War II and those men and
14 women who contributed to the war effort on the homefront. The
15 oral histories used as a part of the instruction regarding the role of
16 Filipinos in World War II are encouraged to do all of the following:

17 (A) Exemplify the personal sacrifice and courage of the wide
18 range of ordinary citizens who were called upon to participate and
19 to provide intelligence for the United States.

20 (B) Contain the views and comments of their subjects regarding
21 the reasons for their participation in the war.

22 (C) Solicit comments from their subjects regarding the aftermath
23 of the war and the immigration of Filipinos to the United States.

24 (e) This section shall be carried out in a manner that does not
25 result in new duties or programs being imposed on the school
26 district. In that regard, the Legislature finds and declares that this
27 section does not mandate costs to local agencies or school districts
28 and that materials used to comply with this section shall be part
29 of normal curriculum materials purchased by school districts in
30 their normal course of business and purchasing cycles.